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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I have been made aware of the proposal surrounding the Lake Tarleton deforestation project and immediately felt compelled to share my strong objection to disrupting the land surrounding the lake.

While not a permanent resident, I have called the shores of that lake home since 2002 and look forward to visiting the area each and every Summer. To me, looking out across the lake toward Mt. Moosilauke in the distance on a perfect July day beats any other view in the world. The greenery is a huge part of that experience and a tremendous part of what drives people to visit year after year. I for one can't say my ties to the area would be as strong without the beautiful natural landscapes being omnipresent when visiting the lake.

The Summer Camp I attended as a youth and then subsequently worked at into adulthood is situated right on the shores and I can say that not only do the lands opposite the campus add aesthetic value, but they also shape the lives of many young men for years to come. Hiking and camping, exploring the serene, untouched nature of it all is an experience that provided a grounding and humbling experience to many children who otherwise would spend their whole lives in urban or suburban sprawls, never understanding what makes this country so great. Industrializing this area would likely mar that immersive experience and lessen their appreciation for the natural world.

While I was introduced to the area via a Summer Camp, it's grown to mean so much more to me over the years. Enough that I am seriously considering purchasing property in the area...which I hope to do in the coming years. A place for me and my family to call home over the next 3-4 decades; a little bit of heaven on earth.

I appreciate you hearing my thoughts, and will only add that I am positive there are hundreds more just like me who can't even begin to explain what this place means to them.

Thank you